



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 2633
Examiner: Quan Zhen Wang

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicant(s) : Paul F. Christopher)

Serial No. : 09/986,057)

Filed : November 7, 2001)

For : BROADBAND COMMUNICATION)
FOR SATELLITE-GROUND OR)
AIR-GROUND LINKS AT INFRARED)
WAVELENGTHS (As Amended))

Attorney Ref. : 16847.002)

AMENDMENT

May 12, 2006

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the final Office Action mailed January 12, 2006, together with a Request for Continued Examination and a Petition to extend by one (1) month the period for response to the Office Action. Please amend the above-identified application in accordance with the following:

Amendments to the Specification beginning on page 2; and

Amendments to the Claims beginning on page 3 hereof.

Certification Under 37 C.F.R. §1.8 (if applicable)

I hereby certify that this Amendment is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail under 37 C.F.R. §1.8 on this **May 12, 2006** and addressed to the Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

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